

## **What are Databases?**

Slide 2: Databases are a collection of resources on a specific discipline or subject. They are the best place to search for in-depth and subject specific information.

Slide 3: Databases include scholarly information like journal articles and primary sources and popular information like newspapers and magazines.

Slide 4: OU Libraries subscribes to over 300 databases covering nearly every subject area.

Slide 5: You can access all of the databases by going to <https://libraries.ou.edu/eresources>. This page lists all of the Libraries' databases in alphabetical order.

Slide 6: You can also find all the library's databases by clicking on the "Databases & E-References" link in the Quick Links section of the Libraries' homepage.

Slide 7: Not sure which database to choose? Use the 'Subject' dropdown to select the subject most closely related to your topic.

Slide 8: You can also enter broad search terms, like anthropology or chemistry, in the Keyword box to narrow down the list of databases.

Slide 9: If you are looking for factual and basic information, select E-Reference from the 'Resource Type' dropdown. This lists reference materials like encyclopedias and dictionaries.

Slide 10: Read the description of the database to determine if it has the information you need for your project. Click on 'More Information' to view the database's related subjects and permalink.

Slide 11: Once you've selected the best database for your topic, just click the name of the database to begin searching!

Slide 12: Go to [libraries.ou.edu](http://libraries.ou.edu) for more information, tutorials, and resources!